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SUBJECT: SWISS AND THE IDA

REF: BERN 2747 (1976)

1. NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOW REACHING FINAL STAGES FOR 7.2
BILLION DOLLAR FIFTH REPLENISHMENT OF INTERNATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY BY TRADITIONAL DONORS. U.S. SHARE WILL
PROBABLY BE 2.4 BILLION DOLLARS. DEPARTMENT VIEWS IDA
ROMAN NUMERAL FIVE AS A CORNERSTONE OF NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE
AND AS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT EXPRESSION OF HUMANITARIAN
CONCERN. SECRETARY VANCE WILL TESTIFY TO CONGRESS IN
SUPPORT OF IDA FIVE THE LAST WEEK OF FEBRUARY.

2. THE DEPARTMENT NOTED WITH REGRET THE RESULTS OF THE
SWISS JUNE 13 REFERENDUM TURNING DOWN PROPOSED SWISS"
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CREDIT OF SF 200 MILLION TO IDA, DISAPPOINTMENT WHICH WE
KNOW WAS SHARED BY GOS. DEPARTMENT NOTED WITH INTEREST,
HOWEVER, EMBASSY REPORT PARA SIX REFTEL THAT GOS IS
SEARCHING FOR WAYS TO MITIGATE THE EFFECT OF THAT
REFERENDUM, AND IS STUDYING ALTERNATIVE WAYS OF PROVIDING
ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE.

3. EMBASSY IS INSTRUCTED TO CONSULT ASAP WITH APPROPRIATE SWISS OFFICIALS ON IDA. EMBASSY SHOULD EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE WHICH USG PLACES ON IDA, AND SHOULD INQUIRE WHAT STEPS THE GOSHAS TAKEN AND INTENDS TO TAKE IN THIS AREA AND WHAT EFFORTS IT IS MAKING TO EDUCATE THE SWISS PUBLIC ON THESE ISSUES.

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